

HI-Q

THE LAKEHEAD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB JOURNAL

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VE3FW - LARC call sign - honours the memory of the Founding President - P. J. "Pat" O'Shea

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LARC OPEN ACCESS REPEATERS

VE3YQT	MOUNT BALDY	147.060 (-600)	FP
VE3TBR	ST. JOSEPH'S	146.820 (-600)	FP
		442.075 (+5 MHz)	
VE3BGA	HILLCREST H.S.	145.450 (-600)	
		(IRLP NODE VA3LU 123.0 Hz)	

The Prez Sez.....

Please note that this month only the meeting will be held in the Shuniah Building at the college, Room C242.

Well the big event coming up this month is the annual ARRL Field Day. I would especially like to invite any new hams or ones that have not been for a while to come out and join us. We will decide on the location and other minor details at the June meeting

Since I am on the subject of new hams the classes have finished and we have 4 new hams in Thunder Bay, Joe, VE3TBX; Eric, VA3NWR; Bill, VA3BJJ and Fort, VE3MCZ. I hope you introduce yourself to them at the next meeting and say hello. Also thanks to Ed, VE3SNW for his continued teaching role.

Earlier this month we had an information seminar put on by Canwarn. This particular session focused on tornados I hope to have a more complete report in the next HI - Q.

Another major event coming up over the summer is the Grand Opening of the LARC Mobile Trailer. Bob VE3RVA and his committee has booked the mayor to do the ribbon cutting. As a side bar we will be celebrating the 70th anniversary of the LARC with a cake at the St John's Ambulance centre on Fort William Road. Hope to see you there as well. More details are elsewhere in HI - Q.

I hope you take some time to relax over the summer and have some time to yourself. But having said that with all the new rigs that draw so little power it may be a good time to consider some radio (subject to family time) from camp or on the road. If you try it let us know how it worked.

Wishing you a safe and relaxing summer.

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Bill VE3XT

Minutes of a meeting of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

May 13, 2004

Held in Room 191, Confederation College

The meeting called to order by the President. *Bill Unger, VE3XT*

This being our 70th anniversary, our fearless leader brought up memories of Les Harris, VE3AYZ who was VE3GB at the inaugural meetings. Les had an unrefined sense of humour, but every once in a while, he would come up with a "good one". Unfortunately Bill had trouble remembering the punch line so he let it go!!

A presentation was made via the internet from the ARRL. Amateur Radio Today, with KB2GSD, known to some as Walter Cronkite. The "film" was about today's Ham Radio Operator, and was aimed at the newcomer.

Bill made use of another piece of new gadgetry, the Smart Podium and SmartBoard. Neat stuff.

- **Old Business:**
The minutes of the April meeting were accepted on a motion by Brad Harris, VE3MXJ, seconded by Vic Bel, VA3BEL. Carried.
- **The Financial report** as submitted by the Treasurer, Ed Baumann, VE3SNW was accepted on a motion by Terry Stewardson, VA3LU, seconded by Glen Wallace, ICY. Carried.
Interpreting the report still left some head scratching, as the treasurer was not present.
- A memorial for Rod Palahnuk VA3PRD was mentioned.
- **CanWarn:** John Sacek, VA3JMS confirmed Friday, May 28 as the date for the Thunder Bay training session. 6:30 to 9:30 was the time slot. A severe weather meteorologist from Toronto would be on hand for the presentation, and refreshments would be provided.
- **ARES:** Randy Gottfred, VA3OJ, mentioned that the information for signing up for ARES was on the Club website, www.Larclub.net and a reply e-mail would be sent to all applicants.
The Regional Health Sciences Center (Hospital) was still in the planning stages as far as Emergency Communications was concerned, but a room has been designated, to be shared with Police Services. The antenna plan is still in a state of flux.
VA3PP had a general question on what was going on at the hospital, and was filled in quickly by Randy.
- **10-mile road Race:** Norm Bell, VE3XRC still needed more volunteers at this date, but expected to have a full complement by May 24.
Terry Stewardson, VA3LU mentioned that an antenna crew was needed to get the

antenna(s) up at the North Central Fire Hall, and equipment was ready.

- Bob Hansen, VE3RVA said that the official observation of our 70th anniversary would take place on Sunday, July 18, with the mayor officially opening the Mobile Communications Centre. Following this, a reception would be held at the St. John Centre on Fort William Road. Volunteers would be needed for set up and take down.
- Terry, VA3LU suggested a possible Hamfest and dinner be held on Field Day, June 26 and 27.
- A motion by Dave Kimpton, VE3AVS, seconded by Terry Stewardson, VA3LU that the Club cover all expenses for the July 18 Anniversary. Carried.
- A roundtable was then held and three newcomers were introduced: Joe Coghlan, VE3TBX, Fort Michelizzi is still waiting for his call and Bill Janik, VA3BJJ. All had just completed the course and anxious to start generating RF.
- In order to keep a visual record of meetings, President Bill has requested volunteer(s) to bring digital cameras to the meetings to take shots of speakers and anything of interest. An official photographer?
- Mark Vaillant, VA3MVR announced prices for Pins, hats, patches and T-shirts, all with the Club logo. Pins and hats would be between \$5 and \$10, Patches \$2, T-shirts \$20 to 23.

The next edition of High-Q would have the final prices listed.

As per the motion at the March meeting, Mark was advised to proceed with the order of 100 pins.

- The Mobile Communications Centre now has a cell phone installed and an Icom V8000 VHF radio has been ordered.
- CLE traffic control at the Inter-city parking lot was suggested as a possible revenue generator, with volunteers needed, six at a time, from 9 AM to 10 PM, working possibly four hour shifts

Mark was to check on the liability aspects of such a venture. Twelve members expressed an interest in taking part. More information at the June meeting.

The 50/50 draw was won by John, VA3JMS

For Sale:

The estate of Bob, VE3JAB has the following for sale;

Heathkit Station	SB 614	Monitor Scope
	SB 634	Station Console
	SB 644	Remote VFO
	SB 220	Linear
	1410	Keyer

Kenwood	TS 450S	HF Transceiver
	PS 53	

TH 6	HF Beam
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Ham 4 Rotator
Delhi light duty 40 ft tower

Plus many other small items.

If you're interested in any of the above items please call *Bev at 807 767 5689* or send an email to bjbishop@air.on.ca

NOTICE:

On Sunday, July 18th the official ribbon cutting of the LARC Mobile Communication Trailer will take place. It will be held at Hillcrest Park at 13:30. We hope to have the Mayor Lynn Peterson to do the honours.

After the ribbon cutting ceremony we will move to The St John Ambulance Center on Fort William Road. We will have refreshments and cake to celebrate the 70tieth anniversary of the LARC.

We hope to have displays of the past 70 years of the LARC.

If the weather does not co-operate on this day we will have the ribbon cutting at the St. John Center.

Help is needed to set up, serve cake, clean up and to arrange displays. If you can lend a hand or have any pictures etc. you would like displayed, or would like to set up an amateur communication station such as an IRLP give Bob RVA a call at 767-6924.

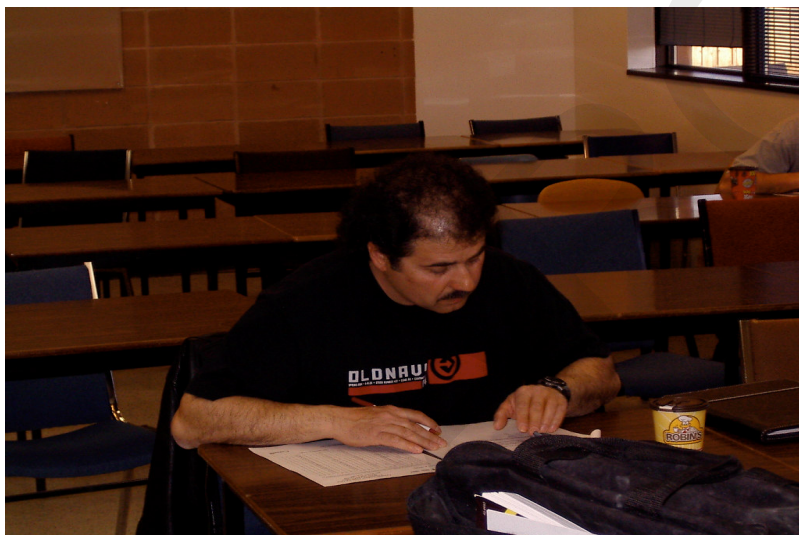
We hope to have a good turnout at this special club event.

Thanks-*Bob VE3 RVA*

Ham Class 2004 Drawing to a Close

Another Ham Class is drawing to a close for this year. After months of study, four students have successfully passed the Industry Canada examinations and are just waiting for their callsigns. Congratulations to Eric Luoto, Fortunato Michelizzi, Bill Janik, and Joe Coghlan. Please make sure to say HI to them on the air.

Although they have written their exams, they wanted to finish off the course so on the 28th of April they built a wire vertical for 20 meters in the parking lot at the College and hooked it up to an Icom 735 to try their hand at some HF contacts. The first contact we made was N3KG, Craig in Reading, Pennsylvania and we topped of the evening by making it through the pile up and contacting CT3MD, Jose, on the Madeira Islands. That's right, a DX contact with a homebrew antenna at 100 watts at the bottom of the solar cycle. Not bad eh?



Fortunato pondering an exam question .



*Holy Coax Cable it works!
Fort and Joe checking out the
HF bands on their homebrew
vertical antenna.*

Next week we hope to do a shack visit and perhaps finish things off for the year. Ham class will start up again next year in January 2005...Its not too early to start encouraging your friends and family to attend. **From VE3SNW**

Canwarn Training

We held our official training May 28th, members from Environment Canada's Ontario Storm Prediction Centre Toronto presented. Phil Chadwick - severe weather meteorologist, and client services rep and co-founder of the Canwarn program, Paul Robertson, Julie Turner from our local weather office was also present.

We had 21 club members attend this year, included were a few of our new hams. A great presentation was put on, with a tornado movie which followed. It was an honor to have two gentlemen of this status to come to our clubs in North Western Ont.

They also mentioned to me that they were very impressed with what we have done in outfitting our trailer. Lets hope we can put some of our training to use this summer.

Thank you to all who attended

John Sacek - VA3 JMS
Canwarn Co-ordinator
LARC



**John Sacek, Paul Robertson, Client Services: Julie Turner, Environment Canada
Thunder Bay: and Phil Chadwick, Severe Weather Forecaster**



Brad Harris With Group in front of LARC Trailer
Photos Mike Nawrocki VE3ZG

From VE3WRL **Wayne Letang**
http://www.arsd.dryden.net/2mtr_guide_for_Manitoba&Northwestern_Ontario.pdf
-a very useful site especially if you are newly licenced operator

Editor Says: Thank you to all who contributed this month, Bill VE3XT, Bill VE3AJ, Mike VE3ZG, Ed VE3SNW, Bob VE3RVA, John VA3JMS, and Wayne VE3WRL. My apologies to Ed for getting his article out late. As Bill made note of the June meeting will be

Room C242 Shuniah Building
Confederation College
June 10, 2004 7:30 pm
Thanks Glen Wallace VE3ICV

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